



- Mission:** To advance knowledge and care for women through the development of physician-scientists and innovative research in obstetrics and gynecology.
- Vision:** To be the premier foundation supporting the development of future research leaders in obstetrics and gynecology
- Core Values:** Scholarship; training and mentorship; innovation; integrity

History and Mechanism

- 1981: American Gynecologic and Obstetrical Society (AGOS) originated as a merger of AAOG and AGS
 - American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists – Founded 1888
 - American Gynecological Society – Founded 1876
- Incorporation of American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (AAOGF)
 - Originally supported AGOS guest speaker and an award for a presented manuscript at AGOS
 - The desperate need for women's health research motivated multiple drives to raise funds for research
- 1997: Partnering with American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology to fund research scholarship
- 2003: Partnering with Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine to fund research scholarship
- Mechanisms: Three-year mentored research training programs and annual scholar retreat
 - Scholars supported each year from 1984 to present
 - Bridge grants to young investigators
 - Travel awards to introduce talented young academicians to AGOS
 - Support of AGOS guest speaker



Scholars

- First scholar began mentored research in 1984
- A scholar has been supported every year for the past 40 years
- Academic Positions:
 - Deans: 2
 - Chairs: 4
 - Vice-Chairs: 8
 - Division Directors: 41
 - Professors: 38
 - Society Presidents: 18
- Publications:
 - Range: 8-492
 - Mean: 85
 - Total Publications: 8,193 (and counting)
- Remaining in Academics: 91%



Century Club: 100 or More PubMed-Citable Scientific Contributions

- Dr. Paula Amato
- Dr. Floor Backes
- Dr. Serdar Bulun
- Dr. Andrew Berchuck
- Dr. Irina Burd
- Dr. William Catherino
- Dr. Joshua Copel
- Dr. Donald Dudley
- Dr. Laura Havrilesky
- Dr. Patricia Garcia
- Dr. David Keefe
- Dr. Kimberly Leslie
- Dr. Charles Lockwood
- Dr. Wanda Nicholson
- Dr. David Olive
- Dr. Aleksandar Rajkovic
- Dr. Susan Ramin
- Dr. Hugh Taylor
- Dr. Ruth Word



Return on Investment

Scholar Award

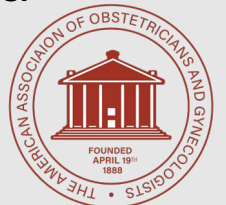
- Total amount of scholar awards: \$17,171,589
- Total amount of subsequent grants after scholar award: \$723,240,027

Return on Investment: \$42.12 for every \$1.00 invested

Bridge Award

- Total amount of bridge awards: \$1,522,034
- Total amount of subsequent grants after bridge award: \$117,955,356

Return on Investment: \$77.50 for every \$1.00 invested



Opportunities and Barriers

- Opportunities

- Support transition to independence
- Support bridge funding due to limited research funding opportunities
- Support interest in academic medicine
- Support research advances

- Barriers

- Recruitment
 - Of the 1500+ graduating OB/GYNs/year:
 - 1 supported for MFM research per year
 - 1 supported for all topics per year
 - 1 supported for GYN/ONC every 3 years
- Retention
 - Available resources only support 1 year with limited funds



Summary

- OB/GYNs recognize the importance of research support in women's health
- OB/GYNs have supported scholar research consistently for 40 years
- When support is provided, the societal benefits are tremendous
- AAOGF support insufficient to meet the demands of women's health research
- Need for national focus on women's health



2023 Scholar Retreat

